



MINUTES

**North Carolina Aeronautics Council
September 15, 2009
10:30 A.M.
Raleigh, NC**

The September 15, 2009 Aeronautics Council meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. at the Division of Aviation office in Raleigh, NC. Newly appointed Chairman Carter Keller chaired the September meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Carter Keller, Chairman
Joe Randall, Vice Chairman
Brian Campbell
Henry Isaacson
Jim Heavner
Cress Horne
M. W. Mullinix, Sr.
Doreen Richter
Bill Reese
Jim Shaw

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

David Barker
Tom Comerford
Melvin Daniels, Jr.
Larry Wagner
Jay Wyatt

AVIATION STAFF PRESENT

Richard Walls, Director of Aviation
Ted Alman
Rick Barkes
Shirley Pearce-Rowley
Dion Viventi
Bobby Walston
Denise Johnson
Nancy Seigler
Hope Morton

Jennifer Fuller
Cindy Eckenroth

NCDOT

Jerry Higgins, Public Information Officer

GUESTS

Jay Talbert, Talbert & Bright, Inc.
Amy McLane, Talbet & Bright, Inc.
Jim Novak, W.K. Dickson & Co., Inc.
Scott Whalen, W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc.
Lee Hester, Lumberton Airport
Lynn Keziah, Chairman, Charlotte-Monroe Executive Airport Authority
Dan Danieleley, Burlington-Alamance Regional Airport

Chairman Carter Keller called the meeting to order welcoming all Council members, staff and guests. The three newly appointed Aeronautics Council members were recognized, introduced and congratulated on their appointment to the council. Jim Heavner, Jim Shaw and Bill Reese.

All attendees were given a chance to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

The Aeronautics Council unanimously approved the minutes of the August 18th meeting.

Business

- Board of Transportation Sub committee Report (TRFA)
Director Walls reported on this committee and explained that this committee is a part of the DOT BOT.

The Aviation Sub Committee has only one member at the present; therefore, no meetings have taken place as yet. As soon as the committee is fully staffed, the meetings will start again next month.

- Bobby Walston, Airport Development Engineer was introduced.
Mr. Walston gave a presentation on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Aviation Division. He explained how the prioritizing of projects is done. Following his presentation, a questions and answer session continued. (copy of the presentation attached)
- Mr. Walston presented to the Council the project recommendations for FY 09 for State and Federal funding, breaking down how the money is spent. (copy of recommendations attached – Blue Federal and Green State)

Mr. Walston explained to the Council each project for each airport listed for the following funding recommendations:

FY 2009 State Aid to Airports Program (General Aviation Airports) totaling \$4,494,745. Chairman Keller made the motion for approval; motion was seconded. Council unanimously approved this recommendation.

FY 2010 State Aid to Airports Program (NCDOT Programs) totaling \$4,510,000. Chairman Keller made the motion for approval; motion was seconded by Council member Henry Isaacson. This recommendation was approved. Council members Bill Mullinix and Brian Campbell opposed the Statewide Economic Development Program included in this recommendation.

FY 2010 State Aid to Airports Program (Commercial Service Airports) totaling \$3,638,156. Chairman Keller made the motion for approval; motion was seconded by Council member Joe Randall. Council unanimously approved this recommendation.

FY 2010 State Aid to Airports Program (General Aviation Airports) totaling \$9,197,185. Motion for approval was made by Council member Bill Mullinix and was seconded by Council member Cress Horne. Council unanimously approved this recommendation.

FY 2009 Federal Block Grant Program (General Aviation Airports) totaling \$5,634,622. Motion for approval was made by Council member Bill Mullinix and was seconded by Council member Henry Isaacson. Council unanimously approved this recommendation.

New Business

- North Carolina – Western Region Airports Report
(copy of presentation attached)
Jennifer Fuller, Airport Environmental Engineer/Airport Project Manager, provided a full report on the western region airports in her territory consisting of 21 airports. She reported on the State and Federal Aid to Airports in 2008 and the funding approved by the NCAC.
- **2009 Small Community Air Service**
Ted Alman provided a report on Docket DOT-OST – 2009-0149 Proposal under the 2009 Small Community Air Service (SCAS) Development Program. The filing deadline was August 28, 2009. The grant proposal is for a total of \$490,000 (\$350,000 Federal, \$70,000 Local and \$70,000 State). North Carolina has already been awarded two grants from the USDOT (2003 & 2007). This will be the third.

- **ACE Video**

Dave Thomas was unable to attend this meeting. He will present the ACECamp video at a future meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Walls reported on the following Items:

- Rick Barkes was attending the NASAO Convention in Tucson, Arizona.
- Meeting he attended in Macon County regarding the runway extension
- Intern Kelly Weeks who has been working for DOA this summer has returned to Princeton to continue her education.
- Upcoming Tuskegee Airmen recruitment event to take place at the DOA office on Sat. 9/26/09.
- DRS facility at Elizabeth City.
- Question as to how many Council meetings should be annually held was discussed. Some Council members agreed that meetings held at various airports was good, which gives Council members a chance to visit the airports and to meet the Airport Director/Manager, Airport Authority /Commission members, City, County and other officials.

After discussion, Chairman Keller announced that the invitation received from Sanford-Lee County to host the October 20th Council meeting would be accepted.

It was confirmed that the October meeting would be held in Sanford at the Sanford-Lee Regional Airport.

Comments from the Council Members

It was suggested that we acknowledge the former Aeronautics Council members sometime in the near future. (S. Zaytoun and former Chairman D. Humphrey). Newly appointed Council member Jim Shaw extended an invitation to host a Council meeting at the Smith Reynolds Airport in the future.

Adjournment of the September 15th, 2009 Council meeting was 12:30 p.m.

Carter Keller, Chairman

Date

Doreen Richter, Secretary

Date